

**BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT**  
**OFFICIAL PAPER OF BARTON COUNTY.**  
**GREAT BEND, : : : KAS**

HUTCHINSON estimates a crowd of 15,000 on Memorial Day. Hutchinson is a hard one to down when it comes to estimating one of her assemblages.

THE Capital says that nearly one hundred Boston capitalists have bought real estate near Topeka and they intend to set to work without delay to make Topeka one of the great cities of the west.

WE SEE from some of our exchanges that the counties of Kingman, Reno and Harper, are turning their attention to growing cotton. It is entirely within the range of possibilities that many counties along the Arkansas river may raise fine crops of cotton in the future.

Two reports from Kinsley differ considerably in estimating the crowd at memorial exercises last Monday. The first was to the effect that there were about 200 in attendance. The next report states that there were at least 7,000. Evidently the good people of Kinsley had not heard from neighboring towns when they sent out their first estimate.

FROM all parts of the state the news comes that Memorial day was duly observed with appropriate services. This country can never forget her gallant defenders who at the call of duty marched to the bloody fray, many of them yielding up their lives as a sacrifice for the nation's good. It is especially fitting that Kansas, the soldier state, should honor the sleeping heroes by decking their narrow homes with the earliest offerings of spring.

COAL has been found, so rumor says, in Rush county. We have often said that it was our belief that all western Kansas is underlain with a vast coal field. And we are not surprised that it should be found in Rush county. This ought to urge our people to renewed activity in regard to boring for coal and natural gas. It may be that we shall have to go to considerable depth to find coal or gas, but we are firm in the belief that it can be found.

WESTERN Kansas is destined to be one of the finest agricultural countries in the world. That it will be seasonable in a few years is no longer problematic. It is true that farming has not yet been tried as fully as might be, but wherever the people have plowed and sowed for the past two years, there have they reaped also. The old idea that this beautiful country was made for the purpose of grazing only, is fast disappearing. A few years more and waving corn fields will greet one's eye from here to the western border of the state.

THERE was certainly never a period in the history of Great Bend when the citizens could look forward with as much hopefulness as now. We have already two great railroads centering here, and exorbitant freight rates is a thing of the past. A second line of the Santa Fe will soon give us direct communication with Denver and the fertile Walnut Valley. It is only a question of time when the Missouri Pacific will be extended either south or southwest from its present terminus at this place. Everything points with unerring certainty to this as the future railroad center of central Kansas.

THERE'S going to be some fun one of these days. Just read what the Topeka Capital says of the senior U. S. senator from Kansas, and then bear in mind that the aforesaid U. S. senator is not celebrated for his meekness, and one needn't be a Daniel to foresee how it will end. But here are Major Hudson's own words:

Senator Ingalls is not a republican—he can scarcely be classed as a mossa-back, and would hardly be considered a creditable representative of old democratic Missouri.

He does not represent Kansas. His democratic utterances are libel upon her fair name and a stench in the nostrils of every true republican in the state.

**CAIRO.**

EVEN Cairo, for many years neglected and almost forgotten, is said to be booming. Time was when Cairo had prospects second to no city in the west, and men who were far-seeing and shrewd in business said that it would one day be a rival of New York. But those were the days of steamboats and Cairo had magnificent water-ways situated, as it is, at the confluence of the Mississippi and the Ohio rivers. But the railroads came and everything was changed and Cairo was almost forgotten. The Eden of Dickens' Martin Chuzzlewit has always been understood to be Cairo. But if the great author were alive now he would be compelled to admit that the dreams of the founders of his Eden have been realized.

**A GRAND CONCOURSE.**

**Loyal Citizens Gather to Celebrate Memorial Day -- The Largest Procession Ever Formed in Great Bend.**

The remembrance of May 30, 1887, will be to our citizens a source of pleasure for many a day and will help to keep green the memory of departed ones, to whose honor the large concourse of people gathered. The day was reasonably fair, the only disagreeable feature being the northwest wind, which made it unpleasant driving outside the sprinkled streets.

Members of the G. A. R. and its branches met at their hall and at 2 o'clock marched to the opera house to appropriate music by the Citizens' band. At the hall the exercises were opened by a song from the choir selected for the occasion, followed by prayer by Rev. S. H. Enyeart, music, and address by Rev. Bosworth and music by the band.

The procession then formed on Broadway in the following order: The Citizens' band, Pap Thomas Post, G. A. R., Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans, Mayor and City Council and citizens in vehicles. The procession then moved to the cemetery, where a handsome cross some ten feet high had been placed, around which the G. A. R. boys assembled. At the foot of this cross were piled the flowers to be laid upon the soldiers' graves.

The services here in commemoration of the dead were very impressive. A detail of the G. A. R. marched to the different graves of departed comrades and distributed the tributes of flowers with willing hands. Three volleys of musketry were fired by the Sons of Veterans and the ceremonies were over.

It is estimated that there were from 1,800 to 2,000 on the grounds and a large number were in town that did not go out to the cemetery. At least 260 vehicles were in the procession—more, perhaps, than ever before formed in a procession in Great Bend. No casualty occurred, which was a great wonder, considering the great number of teams and the closeness with which they were packed on the streets.

**CROP REPORT.**

[The DEMOCRAT recently sent out a number of written requests to the various postoffices in Barton county requesting the postmaster to send us a short report of the condition of growth in crops. We have received several answers which we publish below. It will be seen that the prospects are much better than two weeks ago, and in most cases the farmers are very hopeful. We must acknowledge ourselves indebted to our friends throughout the county for the prompt and full answers.—Ed.]

**PAWNEE ROCK, May 25th.**  
Within the last week we have had copious rains, and everything in the line of farm products are on the boom; many of the farmers coming into town report the wheat prospect, as quite fair, some claiming they will get a yield of twelve to twenty bushels per acre. Oats so far as can be ascertained at this time promises to be an excellent crop. Not a very large acreage has been sown however, on account of the long continual cold weather in the spring. Early planted corn has not done as well as usual so far, on account of the dry weather during April and the first two weeks in May; but since the rains have commenced to fall, farmers have renewed the planting, and at this time the prospect for a full crop of corn is as good as any one could wish. It is a little late in the season, but now that the weather is warm, and the ground well saturated with water the plants will spring up with a vigor, that will outstrip the earlier fields, and the yield will undoubtedly be large.

**J. M. BARTHOLDI, Kas.**  
May 26th, 1887.  
Having been requested by the editor and feeling under obligations to aid in any way we can, the leading paper of the county, we give below what we believe to be a correct report of crop prospects for Bartholdi and vicinity. The wheat—though not very good—is by no means as bad as is generally supposed, and since the late rains, hopes are encouraged for a better crop than was expected a couple of weeks since. Corn is looking splendid and on account of the previous poor prospects for wheat there was an immense acreage planted—more than ever before in one year in the history of Barton county. Oats and Barley are keeping up well with their part of the program, so if one crop fails another will balance it by being good, so there is no rise at all and we are on the road to prosperity.

**W. D. W. MAHERVILLE, Kas.**  
May 26th, 1887.  
MR. EDITOR:—Your card of the 23rd inst. making inquiry in regard to growing crops was received to day. I have not been out through the neighborhood lately, but so far as my observation extends and from the reports of others I find that in this vicinity oats and barley will be a complete failure. Wheat will be light, probably one-third of it won't pay for harvesting. Early sowing has been damaged some by chinch bug and dry weather. The late wheat is thin and weedy. Corn, so far, is doing splendidly. A large acreage of corn has been planted in this vicinity and quite a number are yet planting, while others are cultivating their early planting. Very respectfully,  
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**PAWNEE ROCK.**  
MR. EDITOR.

Long ago "Spunky Pete" either jumped out, or was left out in the cold, to make room for "the exploits of 'Res Gestae,' which exploits have proven to be somewhat short-lived. Therefore we beg leave to introduce ourselves by stating that the live little city of Pawnee Rock can't afford to lose her representation on the staff of correspondents to the DEMOCRAT, and we beg for a little corner in your paper semi-occasionally, which "little corner" will endeavor to fill with items of the doings and mis-doings of the city.

Byram & Benefield now furnish the Rockiss with tenderloin and porter house steak.

Barney Kehn and his accomplished young wife are living in the Ben Urruh residence.

Mayor Bunting hoes his garden truck just like a common man, and catches his ponies when they let him.

Bester & Nichols are now delivering fine ripe strawberries from their nursery one half mile east of the city.

Ernest Smith has placed a fine picket fence around his entire premises, and is now applying the paint to the same.

Joel Miller has had his lot broken up, preparatory to making garden, and otherwise beautifying the same next season.

Sheriff Dalziel has been here this week interviewing "the boys" on the Tyrrel-Shaffer murder trial to come off next week at Great Bend.

Dr. Binkley makes occasional turns and returns to this place, and it is rumored that one of our fair damsels knows the whyness thereof.

J. R. Baker, the grain merchant has now fitted up a fine restaurant wherein to lunch the happy granger, when he hauls in his cereals. Jake knows how it's done.

Capt. Minto, traveling auditor for the Kansas Lumber Co. conducted business in their office at this place, while Mr. Johns went to look after his Barber county lands.

The Pawnee Rock schools will close next Friday. Prof. Zirkle has managed the educational interests of our city to the general satisfaction of nearly all concerned.

Missouri is said to be the richest state in the union. They have no free schools there and whisky is free all over the state, and Kansas City is erecting a \$250,000 brewery.

Vernon Putman (Bro. Crooked Shanks) has engaged as traveling salesman to a firm in Atchison and will henceforth only be able to make his wife and children occasional visits while passing through the city of his home.

**NOVUS HOMO.**

**HOISINGTON NEWS.**  
We have frequent showers.  
Corn is looking well.  
Hoisington is booming.  
Everything full.  
Baker's hall has been rented part of the time for \$1.00 per hour.  
Dennis & Blaylock, have their new house under headway.

There will be a new billiard hall opened this week, by Sherry & Ingram. Dicky will remove his billiard tables to the McNames stand this week.

The Cofer building will soon be ready to open up.

We have Sunday school in the lumber shed. The truth is taught there for a fact.

Mrs. Boxwell is slowly recovering from a long and painful illness.

Jesse Napier, who works in the GRAPHIC office came out to stay over Sunday and Monday and to be at his sisters wedding which took place on Monday.

John Burman wants to buy a city lot in Great Bend upon which to build a hotel. He prefers a lot at the west end of Walnut creek bridge.

Hoisington is a live town, some of our business men get up before dinner.

A. H. Baker is a good real estate man but a better Sabbath school superintendent.

D. W. Cummins talks real estate & loan business in his sleep.

A more lively and sociable class of

people would be hard to find than we have at Hoisington. Come to Hoisington if you want to make money and be happy.

A book agent was shot in Texas last week.

John Blackwell, of St. John, was down the first of the week taking in the memorial services.

A great many people around here will be disappointed if our boys are not victors to-day at Ness.

June the 1st is here, spring has ended and summer is here. Also hills and other reminders that time is slipping away.

Mr. L. M. Dawson, of Penna, brother-in-law of Dr. McCormick, is visiting the Bend and viewing the great Arkansas valley. He thinks Kansas will do.

Money saved is money made. So buy your dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes at the Famous and save 25 cents on every dollar.

Look out for new summer goods at the Famous.

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**NOTICES FOR PUBLICATION.**

U. S. LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., May 14, 1887.  
Amended Complaint having been entered at this office by Thomas Cooper against Jacob Sudbeck to fail to comply with law as to Timber Culture entry No. 3381 dated March 10, 1884, at Larned, Kan., upon the lots 1 and 2 and south half northeast quarter, section 4, township 19, range 15, in Barton county, Kansas, with a view to the cancellation of said entry; contestant alleging that Jacob Sudbeck, during the third year of his entry and up to the present time, failed to break, plow or cultivate any portion of said tract, or to plant thereon any timber, underbrush, nuts or cuttings, or to cause the same to be done, and that said tract is wholly unplanted to timber and uncultivated and grown over to grass and weeds. The said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the second day of August, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged failure.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., May 25, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge, or, in his absence, the Clerk of the District court, at Great Bend, Kansas, on July 2, 1887, viz.: Mahala Allison, Homestead Entry No. 5916, for the northwest quarter of section 21, township 19 south, range 15 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: James McCafferty, Frank Clide, Robin Nelson and Jacob Zimmer, all of Great Bend post-office, Barton county, Kan.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., May 4, 1887.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Barton county, Kansas, at Great Bend, Kansas, on Saturday, June 18th, 1887, viz.: Cornelia Nickerson, H. E. 9845, for the W 1/2 of the N. E. 1/4, Sec. 28, Town 24, Range 12 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz.: James H. Smith, Col. Haddox, Lewis Brown, Charles Frazier, all of Great Bend P. O., Barton county, Kansas.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

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Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Probate Judge of Barton county, Kansas, at Great Bend, Kansas, on Saturday, June 18th, 1887, viz.: Kate Schuber, H. E. No. 6907, for the south west 1/4 of sec 2, town 17, range 15 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: Louis Albrecht, John Hester, P. W. Frank W. P. Peck, all of Nathan P. O., Barton county, Kansas.

W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., May 27, 1887.  
Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge, or, in his absence, the Clerk of the District court, at Great Bend, Kan., on July 9, 1887, viz.: Alpha H. Stevens, for the northeast quarter sec 18, township 20 south, range 19 west.

LAND OFFICE AT LARNED, KAN., May 27, 1887.  
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W. R. BROWNLEE, Register.

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Respectfully,

**G. TOEPKE, Ellinwood, Kans.**

**D. M. WOODBURN,**

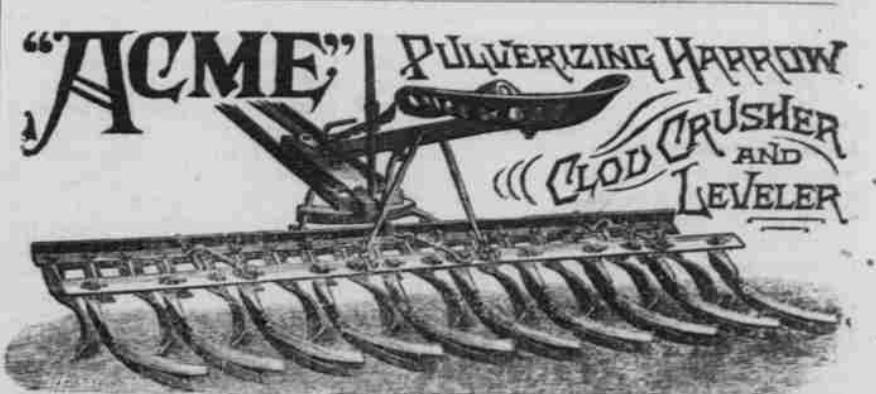
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